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(Warsaw Correspondent) -- The rumors circulating abroad and in Poland about the fall from power of Hilary Minc, Poland's economic czar, have not been verified. After the division of the unwieldy Ministry of Industry and Trade into a number of smaller departments, Minc not only advanced to deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers, but he also extended his key position as the chief controller of commercial and industrial life. Beside his present position as chairman of the Economic Committee of the Cabinet, he has been appointed to the post of chairman of the Economic Planning Council. The fact that two other Communist members of the Cabinet, Ministers Szyr and Jendrychowski, will assume part of his enormous load of work does not mean any lessening of his plenitude of power.

Only the Committee for Mutual Economic Assistance in Eastern Europe, recently established by Moscow, can curb Minc's zeal in economic planning. He is the most original talent among the national economists of the "people's democracies." A shrewd tactician, Minc has expressed his unqualified satisfaction with Poland's subordination to this Committee from the very start, just as he unreservedly sided with Moscow in the Gomulka crisis of 1948. Whenever a Kremlin wish is involved, men like Minc never say "No," but "Yes, but within Poland's ability to comply." Such men remain the reliable friends of the Soviet, even if they do sometimes have their own ideas, on, for example, the problem of agricultural policy.

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